

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 20 through 25, 27 through 35, and 37 through 40 are pending, with Claims 20 and 30 being independent. Claims 26 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 20 and 30 have been amended.

Claims 20, 22, 23, 25, 28 through 30, 32, 33, 35, and 38 through 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,594,490 (Dawson, et al.). Claims 20, 22, 23, 25, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,841,526 (Wilson, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,430,709 (Galloway). Claims 26 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Dawson, et al. in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0087981 A1 (Daniels). Claims 26, 28, 36, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Wilson, et al. in view of Galloway and Daniels. Claims 21 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over (a) Dawson, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,161,194 (Ujiie) or (b) Wilson, et al. in view of Galloway and Ujiie. Claims 24 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over (a) Dawson, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,159,952 (Perkins) or (b) Wilson, et al. in view of Galloway and Perkins. Claims 27 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over (a) Dawson, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,592,620 (Chen, et al.) or (b) Wilson, et al. in view of Galloway and Chen, et al. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 20 and 30 have been amended to include the features of Claims 26 and 36, respectively, with additional amendments that are respectfully submitted not to affect the allowability of the claims, viz, the deletion of the expression "connectable to

a satellite dish". All rejections of Claims 26 and 36 relied, inter alia, upon Daniels. However, the subject application claims benefit of a June 8, 1994, filing date. And only one application referenced in Daniels was filed prior to that date, namely Application No. 08/038,240 filed March 29, 1993 (copy attached). That application does not disclose the subject matter relied upon in the Official Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 20 and 30 should be withdrawn. MPEP 2136.03(IV).

With respect to all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, it is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative, John T. Whelan, at (301) 428-7172.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

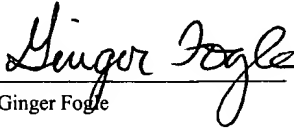
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